

REMARKS

1. Status of Claims

Claims 1-13 are in the application. Claims 1-7 remain in the application unchanged. Claims 8-9 are withdrawn from consideration. Claims 10-13 are new. No new matter has been added.

2. New Claims

Claims 10-13 have been added. Claims 10 adds new limitations - namely, the limitation of rotation of the rotating claims through a common first plane and the movement of the second member through a second plane that is common and/or parallel to the first plane. Support for these new claims may be found in the specification at least at page 4, lines 14-19. Claims 11-13 add additional limitations to claim 10.

Since claims 10-13 are directed to a clamping assembly and further narrow the scope of the clamping assemblies claimed in independent claims 1 and 4, the Applicant believes that new claims 10-13 should therefore be grouped with claims 1-7 in Group I, classified in class 269, subclass 24. Accordingly, the Applicant further believes that no new search is required and addition of the new claims 10-13 is therefore proper.

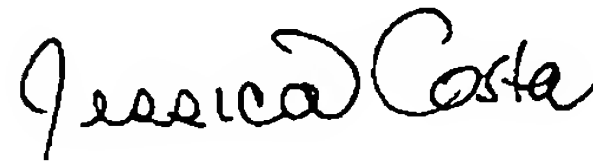
3. Response to Restriction Requirement

In the Office Action mailed 12/03/2004, a restriction requirement was made to one of the following inventions: Group I, Claims 1-7, drawn to a clamping assembly, classified in class 269, subclass 24; and Group II, Claims 8-9, drawn to a method of clamping a device under test, classified in class 29, subclass 559. **Applicant hereby elects without traverse Group I (claims 1-7 and 10-13) for further prosecution.** Claims 8-9 are hereby withdrawn from consideration.

Conclusion

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this amendment, or should the Examiner believe that it would further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned directly.

Respectfully submitted,



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